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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002 in which claims 4-6, 10, 13, 14 and 33 were allowed. Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of these claims.

Claims 15 and 17-19 were rejected under § 103. Without endorsing the validity of the rejection of those claims, Applicants have cancelled claims 15 and 17-19 herein without prejudice and reserve the opportunity to pursue similar claims in a related application.

Applicants have added new claims 34-39 herein each of which depend from allowed independent claims 10 or 33. Substantively, the new claims correspond generally to cancelled claims 17-19. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that the new claims are likewise in condition for allowance and do not introduce any new matter.

As a result of this Amendment, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance with respect to the now pending claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

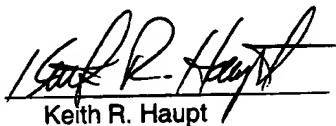
If the Examiner feels that any matter in this case requires further attention prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, he is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please cancel claims 15 and 17-19.

Please add the following new claims:

34.(NEW) The ticket dispenser of claim 33 wherein one of the front and rear covers includes a portion having a substantially flat upper surface.

35.(NEW) The ticket dispenser of claim 33 including electrical selection means for selecting tickets from said strip and causing a pre-determined number of said tickets to be dispensed.

36.(NEW) The dispenser of claim 35 in which said selection means is selected from the group consisting of; a point-of-sale-terminal; a computer; and an on-line lottery terminal.

37.(NEW) The dispensing installation of claim 10 wherein one of the front and rear covers includes a portion having a substantially flat upper surface.

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38.(NEW) The dispensing installation of claim 10 including electrical selection means for selecting tickets from said arrays and causing a pre-determined number of said tickets to be dispensed.

39.(NEW) The dispensing installation of claim 38 in which said selection means is selected from the group consisting of; a point-of-sale-terminal; a computer; and an on-line lottery terminal.